Diversion of defence land

*17. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence land in Mumbai has been diverted as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 2nd May, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to ensure that defence land is not used for non-defence purposes?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) Reports have been received regarding misuse of defence land in Mumbai. The matter is being enquired into.

भारतीय वायुसेना के प्रशिक्षु विमानचालकों के लिए जीवन बीमा

*18. श्री शिव चरण सिंह:
श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय वायु सेना के प्रशिक्षु विमानचालकों का उनके प्रशिक्षण काल के दौरान जीवन बीमा नहीं कराया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इन विमानचालकों को जीवन बीमा सुरक्षा प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसका क्या औचित्य है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री मुलायम सिंह): (क) से (ग) भारतीय वायुसेना के प्रशिक्षार्णी पायलटों को 1.8.96 से 3.3 लाख रुपए की जीवन बीमा सुरक्षा मुहैया करवाई गई थी। 10 मई, 1997 से इसे बढ़ाकर वायुकर्मी और ग्राउंड ड्यूटी शाखाओं के लिए क्रमशः 800/- रुपए तथा 560/- रुपए के मासिक अंशदान के साथ 10 लाख रुपए कर दिया गया है।

Anti-militancy operations in Punjab

*19. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he held detailed discussions with senior security officers of Punjab including DG-Police and the former DGP-Mr. K.P.S. Gill who directed the anti-militancy operations in Punjab to review the situation obtaining amongst the security forces in the aftermath of the suicide committed by the suspended Tarn Taran SSP Ajit Singh Sandhu; and

(b) if so, the specific steps taken or are being taken by Government to restore the morale of the security forces in the region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Government has reported that inspite of some of police officers facing cases relating to their alleged excessive actions in tackling militancy, the morale in the Police Force remains high and it is committed to maintain internal security in the State. Both State and Central Government are seized of the difficulties being faced by some of the officers, and men of Punjab Police and necessary legal help would be provided to them, on merit of each case.

Strike by Group C and D employees of

*20. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group C and D employees of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Delhi went on a